Construction of houses under Vambay in Karnataka

2660. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses under construction under Valmiki-Ambedkar Awas Yojana in Karnataka;

(b) how many houses have been given to the beneficiaries, so far;

(c) the amount spent by Government in Karnataka, so far, under the said Yojana; and

(d) the number of houses proposed to be completed and handed over to the beneficiaries by the end of March, 2003 in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Under Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY), 9367 Dwelling Units are under construction out of 10312 Dwelling Units sanctioned as reported by the State of Karnataka.

(b) Houses are yet to be allotted to the beneficiaries as reported by the State Government.

(c) Rs. 1446.89 lakh has been released to the State Government as Central subsidy under vambay so far.

(d) All the 10312 houses will be completed and handed over to the beneficiaries by the end of March, 2003 as reported by the State Government.

Actual strength of executive engineers in CPWD

2661. DR. A. K. PATEL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the present actual strength of regular Executive Engineers (Civil and Electrical) and ad-hoc Executive Engineers (Civil and Electrical) in CPWD;

(b) the number of Assistant Engineers working as a Executive Engineer (Civil and Electrical) on current Charge basis in CPWD;

(c) the number of SC/ST category regular Executive Engineers in CPWD; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to regularise all ad-hoc Executive Engineers (Civil and Electrical)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL):

		REGULAR	AD-HOC
(a)	Executive Engineer (Civil)	327	62
	Executive Engineer (Electrical)	120	05
(b)	Executive Engineer (Civil)	-39	
	Executive Engineer (Electrical)	-06	
		Scheduled Caste	Scheduled Tribes
(c)	Executive Engineer (Civil)	40	07
	Executive Engineer (Electrical)	11	05

(d) The meeting of the Departmental Promotion Committee for making regular appointments could not be held on account of pending court cases. Meeting of the Departmental Promotion Committee will be held on conclusion of the pending court cases.

Guidelines for release of Vambay Fund

2662. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines followed for releasing Valmiki-Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY) Funds to States for the years 2001-2002 and 2002-2003; and

(b) the reasons for not releasing funds to 19 States during the year 2001-2002 and 23 States during the year 2002-2003?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) The funds under Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY) are allocated to all States and UTs on the basis of the percentage of slum population of the respective State/UT to the total slum population of the country. However, funds are released only to those States/UTs who have deposited their share of 50% in the VAMBAY account and submitted proposals, complete in all respect as prescribed under the rules. Since VAMBAY is a demand driven scheme, States who have neither submitted project proposals nor deposited the requisite share in VAMBAY account have not been considered for release of Central subsidy.